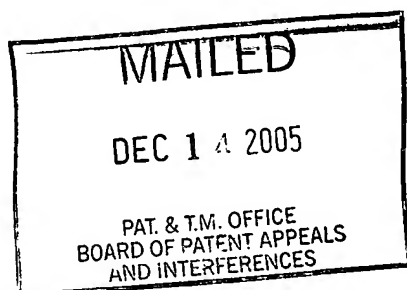




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Applicants: Sapienza et al.
Application No.: 10/690,894
Filed: 10/22/03
For: Environmentally benign anti-icing
or deicing fluids

The above-identified application or patent has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences because it is adjudged to interfere with another application or patent. An interference has been declared. The interference is designated as No. 105,405.

Notice is hereby given the parties of the requirement of the law for filing in the Patent and Trademark Office a copy of any agreement "in connection with or in contemplation of the termination of the interference." 35 U.S.C. § 135(c).

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Patent Interference No. 105,405 (RT)
(From Technology Center 1700)

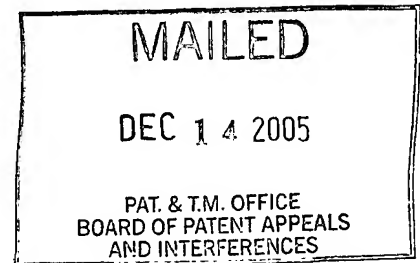
SEARS ECOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS CO., LLC
(6,436,310 B1 and 6,440,325 B1),
Junior Party,

v.

MLI ASSOCIATES LLC
(10/266,975 and 10/690,894),
Senior Party.

DECLARED: 14 December 2005

DECLARATION - Bd.R. 203(b)



A. Declaration of interference

An interference is declared (35 U.S.C. 135(a)) between the captioned parties.

Details of the application, patent, counts, and claims designated as corresponding to the counts appear under headings E and F of this DECLARATION.

B. Administrative patent judge designated to administer the contested case

Administrative Patent Judge Richard Torczon has been designated to administer this contested case. 37 C.F.R. § 41.104(a) [Bd.R. 104(a)].¹

C. Standing order

A copy of the Trial Section STANDING ORDER [SO] (Paper 2) accompanies this DECLARATION. The STANDING ORDER applies to this contested case.

¹ "Bd.R. x" may be used as shorthand for "37 C.F.R. § 41.x". 69 Fed. Reg. 49960, 49961 (12 Aug. 2004).

D. Conference call to set dates

A telephone conference call to set dates for action in this contested case is scheduled for **2 p.m. (Eastern) on 7 February 2006**. (The Board will initiate the call.)

No later than **four business days** prior to the conference call, each party shall file and serve by facsimile (SO ¶ 4.5) a list of the motions (Bd.R. 120; Bd.R. 204; SO ¶ 26) the party intends to file.

A sample schedule for taking action during the motion phase appears as Form 2 in the STANDING ORDER. Counsel are encouraged to discuss the schedule prior to the conference call and to agree on dates for taking action. A typical motion period lasts approximately eight (8) months. Counsel should be prepared to justify any request for a shorter or longer period.

E. The parties to this interference

Junior Party

Involved Patent: 6,436,310 B1 [310], issued 20 August 2002 (09/971,165, filed 4 October 2001)

Title: Deicing solution

Inventors: Robert A. Hartley of Ontario, CANADA; and
David H. Wood of Rome, NEW YORK

Involved Patent: 6,440,325 B1 [325], issued 27 August 2002 (09/971,163, filed 4 October 2001)

Title: De-icing solution

Inventors: Robert A. Hartley of Ontario, CANADA, and
David H. Wood of Rome, NEW YORK

Senior Party

Involved Application: 10/266,975 [975], filed 8 October 2002

Title: Environmentally benign anti-icing or deicing fluids

Inventors: Richard Sapienza of Shoreham, NEW YORK;
William F. Ricks of Westerville, OHIO; and
Axel R. Johnson of North Babylon, NEW YORK

Involved Application: 10/690,894 [894], filed 22 October 2003

Title: Environmentally benign anti-icing or deicing fluids

Inventors: Richard Sapienza of Shoreham, NEW YORK;
William F. Ricks of Westerville, OHIO; and
Axel R. Johnson of North Babylon, NEW YORK

F. Counts and claims of the parties

The claims of the parties are:

Sears [310]: 1-12

Sears [325]: 1-20

MLI [975]: 38-44, 46, and 49

MLI [894]: 36 and 37

The claims not corresponding to any count:

Sears: None

MLI: None

Count 1

A de-icing and anti-icing composition comprising an aqueous solution which contains a low molecular weight carbohydrate and a chloride or acetate salt in which the constituents are present in the following concentration:

	Weight %
Carbohydrate	3-60
Salt	Effective freezing point lowering amount
Water	Balance

and where said carbohydrate has a molecular weight in the range of about 180 to 1500, and is at least one selected from the group consisting of glucose, fructose, and higher saccharides based on glucose or fructose, or mixtures thereof.

The claims corresponding to Count 1:

Sears [310]: 1-12
Sears [325]: 9-14 and 18-20
MLI [975] 38-44 and 49
MLI [894]: 36 and 37

The benefit accorded for Count 1:

Sears: 09/755,587, filed 5 January 2001 (6,299,793);
09/224,906, filed 4 January 1999; and
60/070,636, filed 7 January 1998
MLI: 09/675,495, filed 29 September 2000 (6,506,318);
09/436,811, filed 9 November 1999 (6,129,857);
09/161,865, filed 28 September 1998 (5,980,774); and
08/940,936, filed 30 September 1997 (5,876,621)

Count 2

A de-icing and anti-icing composition comprising an aqueous solution which contains a low molecular weight carbohydrate and a chloride or acetate salt in which the constituents are present in the following concentration:

	Weight %
Amino acid or oligopeptide	1-60
Salt	Effective freezing point lowering amount
Water	Balance.

The claims corresponding to Count 2:

Sears [310]: None
Sears [325]: 1-20
MLI [975]: 46 and 49
MLI [894]: None

The benefit accorded for Count 2:

Sears: 09/755,587, filed 5 January 2001 (6,299,793);
09/224,906, filed 4 January 1999; and
60/070,636, filed 7 January 1998
MLI: 09/675,495, filed 29 September 2000 (6,506,318);
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G. Heading to be used on papers; exhibit numbers

Addendum 1 provides the heading that shall be used on all papers filed in the contested case. See SO ¶ 7.2.1.

The range of exhibit numbers is assigned as follows (Bd.R. 154(c)(1); SO ¶ 20.2.1):

MLI: 1001-1999.

Sears: 2001-2999.

H. Order form for requesting file copies

When requesting copies of files, use of Addendum 2 (SO Form 4) will greatly expedite processing of the request. Please attach a copy of Part E of this DECLARATION with a hand-drawn circle around the patents and applications for which a copy of a file wrapper is requested.

I. Required paragraph for affidavits and declarations

The Board has recently experienced a rash of cases in which a witness has belatedly advanced reasons why he or she would be unable to appear for cross examination at a reasonable time and place in the United States. Consequently, the Board is requiring the following paragraph to be included on the signature page of all affidavits (including declarations) filed in this case to prevent surprise and hardship to the party relying on the testimony of the witness:

In signing this affidavit/declaration, I recognize that the affidavit/declaration will be filed as evidence in a contested case before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. I also recognize that I may be subject to cross examination in the case and that cross examination will take place within the United States. If cross examination is required of me, I will appear for cross examination within the United States during the time allotted for cross examination.

/RICHARD TORCZON/
Administrative Patent Judge

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Enclosures:

Copy of STANDING ORDER (Paper 2)
Copy of the application² claims for 10/266,975 and 10/690,894

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² Any United States patent listed in this paper is available at <http://patft.uspto.gov/netahtml/srchnum.htm>.

ADDENDUM 1

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TITLE OF PAPER

ADDENDUM 2

FILE COPY REQUEST
Patent Interference No. 105,405

Attach a copy of sections E and F of this DECLARATION to this REQUEST. On the copy, circle each patent and application that you are requesting. Include the following information to facilitate processing of this REQUEST:

1. Charge fees to USPTO Deposit Account No. _____
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